

Honoring Our Veterans

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As the nation pauses Tuesday to honor our veterans, I wanted to share with you an update on the national defense bill which serves as a budgetary blueprint for the pentagon. In the coming weeks the House and Senate are expected to finalize bipartisan legislation which provides important funding for our veterans, service men and women, and their families in the coming weeks.

I supported the bill when the House considered it in May. I was pleased my legislation directing the Pentagon to issue a report detailing how it increased health care costs for more than 4,000 Minnesotans who were covered under the TRICARE Prime program but later removed by the Department of Defense was also incorporated into the national defense bill. To read more, click [here](#).

As a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps whose son has served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is an honor, privilege, and my mission to ensure Congress supports our veterans.

Have a great week, and remember to thank a veteran on Tuesday!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Kline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.